2: Synthesis of the 20-base phosphorothioate oligonucleotide

sequence dGCCCAAGCTGGCATCCGTCA (trityl-off) (Sequence ID No. 1). 7-

At page 42, before the Claims, kindly insert the attached SEQUENCE LISTING, and renumber the pages containing the Claims to reflect pages 43-84.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 18 (Amended). The reusable linker arm defined in Claim 1,

wherein T has the formula:

wherein a is 0 or 1, Q is an organic moiety, R^a is selected from –OH, -NH₂, -NR and -OR wherein R is a protecting group and b is an integer having a value of 0-40.

Claim 24 (Amended). The reusable linker arm defined in Claim 1, wherein T has the formula:



wherein a is 0 or 1, Q is an organic moiety, R^a is selected from –OH, -NH₂, -NR and -OR wherein R is a protecting group and b is an integer having a value of 0-40.